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Ladies & Gentleman

you Will not have the plesure this eveing. to heas a Gough. or a Webster. but has a ~~Sailor~~ Sailor I Speek to you. I Will give you Some of my experances Wile Sailong arown the World. you are aware that my Subject this eveing Will be on my Ship Wreck and nine month a Castaway on the Cost of Siberia. I Will try to the best of my knowledge to make this interesing to all. on the 22th day of September 1859 On Borde the Whaling Bark Alice Frazer Commanded by Capt. Walker We Sailed from that Famous City New Bedford Mass. Bound for the Artic Ocean after a pasage of ten Month We arrived at the Citty of Tee Bough. I Will Pass over my Pasage till Some Future time. Finding it Late in the Seisin Our Capt. thought it Was best to get in Some Milder Climet to Wintes as at this time We Was in the Latt. 70° Long. 170° a bough the Middle of August We Set Sail for the Okhotsk Sea. this Sea Lays in the Latt. 50 & 60° Long. 150 the Sea is 700 miles in leng and 500 fain Breath & Ites Cruseing in the Ock. Sea for One Month We found What We supposed to be a Safe harbor for Our Ship. & I Will just State heas Our abject of Wintesing in that Cold Region, the States that You entes the Ock. Sea from the Pacific Ocean is very Narrow and in the Spring of the yeas the Ice Comeing Out from the Ock. Sea it Some times Gets past in these Chanles and

it is Some time be fos it Will give
away So as a Ship can get through at
the Same time if the Vessil was in Side
of the Chaniel they Could have a fine
times With the Whils. fos at the Breaking
up of the ice in the Ock" Sea in the
erly Spring the Wails go in this Sea by
hundurs from the Pacific that have the
advatag of us fos will we half to wate
fore the ice to give a way the Whail can
Go under the ice and Brake him Self
things, this was Our Object fos Wintering
in the Ock" Sea to be on hand in the
early Spring and have Our Vessel fill
With Whale Oil be fos the fleet of
Whil Ship Could get through. [redacted]
ther Summas Month Thare is between 300
& 400 Ships in that Sea Cousing fur
Whiles. I Will now setume to Our Ship
left hes in What We Cold a Safe harbor. it
Was in What is Call Horse Shoe Bay it
Secived it Name by Seeing a horse Shu
this bay is on the ~~Northern~~ North East Cos.
of ~~the~~ Ock" ~~Sea~~ Siberia in the Ock. Sea. it
is 16 Mile long and 12 Wide
Was in this bay We let go Our Ancos fo
the Winter. and Commena to house the
Ship. Some mask What housing the Ship
I Will explane to you as Breefly as pasab
Striping the Ship of all its Lining Rigg
in bending the Sails Stowing them th
between Deck Leaving a Way the Deg" g
Top Mas" and Yards on deck. Hawling a

Sope fore and aft of the Ship Spreading Canvis
forming a Roof over the main deck & Enables
Housing the Ship we Comenate Preparations for
the Winter, it is Nessary for to take the
Water all Out of the Ship on account of it
Freezing in the Cast and Distroying them.
we bring Our Water for the Ship use from
the Shore after placeing every thing in Order
for the Winter. the Ice began to Make in
the bay and in lest then One week it becam
fine Skaing: in 15 days the hole bay was
frozing Over. the Boys was very ancious for
a Skate the Capt. Gave the Carpenter and
Blacksmith permision to Make Skates for every
Man this being done we had a gollly time for
a Will Our fun was Soon Stopt for we was
visited with a Severeas Snow Storme and
Our Skeats was Laid One Side on the 25th of
Nov. the Sea was One vast peal of ice as far as
the eye Could See it be gan to look like
Sirecious times a Coming. Our Capt and offs
and Crew Consulted to Geather on Bilding
a House on Shore in Case of acidant to
the Ship it was feared if we had a Gail
of Wind from the South West it would
drive the ice from the Sea in the bay
and Crush Our Vessel to Peaces. all hands
was Mustered to go a Shore and Bild a house
and if You ever See Men work with a Will it
was at that time We Bilt it after the
Russian Stile One room with a fire Place
in the Centre it was 30 feet Square built of

logs and lind in Side with Canvis it Was
Nothing Verry Comfitfull a lough it I can tell you.
Ave Completed Ous house on the 2 ic
of Dec. and Was all Redey to Moave Ous it
Grub a Share on the 3th the Masing of
the 3th proved to be One of the Most
Severe Sonow Stasmes that I ever See
it Was inpasable pos us to leave the Vessel
on that day. Ave Was in hopes on the pooin
day that We Would get Something on Shar
Ave Was doom to Disapomtment. on the
4th the Gail had in Creesed to a Slusacain the
Wind blowing from the Nasth East. it
Snow So fast that it Was inpasable por
us to See a Ship lenghth from us it bega
to look like hasde times a Coming. at 3 O
in the aftes Noon the Cabin Boy came
Rushing down from the Main deck Shoutin
that the Starme Was Braking a Way and that
he Could See Cleas Wates a Head of the
Ship. all hands rush pos the Main deck
to See Ous Sitation Ous Anchor had given
a Way and we Was at the Mursy of the Stor
the Wind Still blowing a Slusacain We
had two Mose Anchos Bent on all Redy to
let go the Capten Gave Ordurs to let go both
Anchors the (Anchors) Ordars Was Obade
in an instance. Now Was the time it try the
Casage of Sailars. the Anchors fell from
the Cat head on the ice and thare they the
laid the disence from the Cat head to the
ice Was 15 or 16 feet these Anchors Wayeh

1800 Tuns to 2500 lbs falling that distance and never
passing the ice We hatto Cut holes through the
ice With axce to let the Anchors through,
it Was impasable for us to ~~Cut Land~~ Sails
~~as yet~~ & do eney thing more that what We ha
don. Ous two Anchor Still dragin Not a
fast as We had bin a Drifting the ice Since
Coming down as We expected to be Crush
~~Cut~~) & Cut to peces every Minute. Ous Anchas
brough up at last We expected in Some Rocks.
bas Ous Ship had cesed Drifting and Now
We Was depening on Ous Cables for Safty
it Was a Site to See thase Cables Saw the
Cakes of ice as they Struck the bows of the
Ship. We Was Well a Ware if those Cables
parted that We Should hafto a bandon the
Vessel as at this time We had no Wales on boade
and verry little Wood. feeling a Suard if We
Was drifid to Sea in this Condision ~~if~~ We
would all perish. With What anciens eyes We
Watch thase Cables Cut through the ice in
this situation We Was untill the Morning of
the 5th When the Storme Cleard a Way and
We Could See Ware We Was. We had Drifted
Some 12 Miles Out to Sea from the Bay Now
but a Shaste time a Go We Was so Snug. as
the Storme Cleared a Way Ous Anchor had
just Commenced looking With an anciou
eye towards the bay We See the hole Field
of ice comeing down upon us. it Came on
and on untill it Struck the Vessel and
Went Both Anchors it had hasted the Cables

that We Watch ~~&~~ so Carefull and Now Our Last
hope Was Gone for the Safety of the Ship
Now the Work of Savesing Our Lives Comenced
We had Six ~~Boa~~ While Boats We Lowered
a Way and With a Will we Comenced to
Will With hasd tack and Salt Junck as as
Much as We dare With Safety for Our one
Lives. for We Was at this time 16 Miles from
the Shore to Begained by these Small Boats
as every thing Was Prepared Redey We abandon
the Ship to the Mussey of the ice. drawing
Our Boats ~~(Boats)~~ a Coost Cakes of ice intill
We came to Clear Wates We would Lanch Our
Boats and Pull intill We Come in Contact
With anothes Cake of ice in this Way We toiled
intill Midnight ~~(of the)~~ ore Neear day Light of
the 6th When We tutch the Shore With Our
Boats. With One Shout Of thanks to allmigh
God We Landed Safely on tus a fussnia
and Now Ladies & Gentelman as I have Given
You My espesance of Ship Wreck ~~(Will)~~
I Will Now Intersuse You on the Coast
of ~~(Si)~~ Siberai in Which Was my misfortun
to be a cast a Way for Nine Month. on
Lannding of the Boats We Musted all
Hands and With Joy all anserd to thare Nam
the Ship Compony Consisted of 32 Men an
no for We had all a~~rived~~ Safely With the
Exception of One Who had the Misfortun
thro Beiging his hands. of tes Dreging Our
Boats up on the Beash. ~~of~~ We Soon had
tes Pleasure of Seeing a Compustable Fire

Siberia Conwick the Seckend Tonggoos and
thasd esgreenares So Gone Sei that we had
a Verrity to a Coate with as thare was Some
few that Could talk Some Englest we Sed
told them Ous tale of Loosing Ous Vessel
as we was 32 in number we was divided of
One and 2 in the hats (this Settlement ~~so~~ thare
was 80 hats and between 800 & 900 inhabentace
and 2 Miles from the Sea Cost the location is on a vas plane
that Conting the dogs thare was more dogs then
thare was inholentace) I. Will Nowantes duse
you into My home: it was a log hut with
the log heaven Smoeth on the in Side it
was Well biltt every log was inbeded in Cla
vs Mud this hause was 20 ft by 15 with
a large Oven on one Side of the Soom it
was biltt of Clay, this Oven was for heating
the house they bild a fire in it and keep
the fire a burning untill the Oven get
very hat and then they draw the fire
Coals out and throw them Out doses after
the Coals have bin taken Out they go
up on the Roof of the house and lay a
bag of Sand on top of the Chimley
in this way they deve all the heat in the hou
these huts have from (to 2 Windows in the
Soome is 2 ft Squere that they use for Glas
it is Some Paste of the Seal they have a
Pasces of Manufactry it so it is ~~for~~ are
light and admants the light. It was a very
Small Soom for the Family as thare was 9 o
us be Sides a Cow and Calf in this hut a
in this Way I lived for 6 Month. I Will
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State heas that Our Staff of life Consisted of
Smoked Samonion and Seal Meat as this
is all that they have to depend on to live on
ns I have Discribe my home. I will now take
you back and discribe the natives. Siberia
Convict is those that is transported for life from
inland Citys of Russia they are brought
there ~~from~~ and turned Loos to pick their
Grub as die just as they please there
Convict they have fine features but like all
Others Russians they are Small in Statue, the
Esquemors are a Very Singles Sace of people
I Soppose there is no Weather that can Freeze the
they are a Very Small Sace theas Complection
is a light Copper Colles with Red Cheeks
they as Noted for theas flat face (& to
Nose My one expression they look to me as Soon
as they was bornd they was Slapt on the
face with a padel and had maid the
face all Smath as they are from 2 as 3 inch
between the eyes and On looking at them in
Side View you can not see any Nose
it Seem to be all even with their face
~~looking~~ the Tonggous Representent the Gath
masca Indians they are a tribe that have
no home they wandes all over the East
Coast Capie theas time in Fishing and Fishing
Colles is a Shade Darker than the Esquemo
they have theas hair in a long Queue hanging
the[illegible] on theas back I have giveing a discr,
to these tribes, I think without exception
to[illegible] they are the Most filthyous Set of
e that ever lived on this earth

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aftes becaming a little use to habets of the peop
and reseluing that this pllace must be my
home until we could better Our Selves
I made up my mind that I must Eat the
same poder that they did to submit to ke
up Cosage I went at it with a will. I
will will now give you a Sampel of ou
food and how that prepare it thare Staf of
life is Dryed Smoked Sammon and Seal
through the Winter. on the East of Sibiria
thare is Small Rivers that emty in the
Ochu Sea in the Month of June and July
these Sammon go up these Rivers Until
they get to fresh water the Same as our
Shad Go up Our Rivers in the Spring
they leave these Nets a Cost these Rivers
and in thy way they get the Sammon this
Wask the men do as fast as the fish is
Ketch the Woman haves these paste to do
to prepas them for Winter use they Cut the
back bone Out of them and hang them ove
a poles that is in these Summas houses to
Smoke I will just State heas there
people have What they Cowl Summer Hu
they are bilt of logs and are of temperary
a pare they are Close to the Sea beach
they use these huts from the middle of June till Septembe
and then Move back to thare Winter
Quaster. the Settlement of Emne is 2 mil
from the Sea Shore this is theas Winte
Quaters these Sammon are Smoked Wit
Out being Salted. and after having t

Sole fish and Smoke fore a few days they get
tanted Witch they Call a Good flavor
after Smoked they becum dry they Sank them
in in these Samons has the Same as we do
fish wood in Our wood houses for Winter
Even the Back bones is Eaude ~~left~~ in the Same
manor fore thear dogs as this is all the dogs live
on in the Months of Septembus & Oct these Samon
come down these rives to go out to Sea as
they are very poor they Catch a Good money
and bury them in the Groun for the Squirrels
these is dug up in the Month of Apr & May
and Eaten for by this time the Smoked fish
is Gon When they open these holes these fish
is as natural as When they Was put in
as Soon as they are Out in the air they be-
Come to a State that would allmost mak
You hair Stand on a end to think that
You must do it, but thare is no
Remide it is eat that or Starve & thare
is many in this audiance & Who has bin in that
Cold Region Os in a State of Stavation that
can Safely Say With me that the apatite is to
that extreme that I Could eat a dead Dog
I have often heard it remarked by Some person
before that Would eat that they Would Starve
these people have never had these Sot last
Wase they Would be tested. and I hope they never
will. thare Religion is of the Greek Cathilic Ose Some
thing Worse it is a kind that aint to be of the face
of the Earth it is Worse then Mankey they have
a large Church the Walls is hung full of pict

they represent the apostills so they say. thare is no
Seats in theas Church as soon as they go in they
drop upon thar nees and Cross them Selves be
for thare pictures they have two priests the Bi
priest and the Small priest the Big priest Com
down from the awlter the Congergation drops
up on theas nees they all half to kiss his
hand he sais Some thing to them in a long
that they can not undes Stand. and the Serv
is Closed they Can go then to theas home
and go a fishing ore Ocapie thare time as they
like these prest is Sent from Some inlands City
by the Rusian Goverment they have Good Clothes
and have flower tea Sugar and plenty of
Rum ~~Sent~~ Brought to them by the trading
Merchent. these prest have it all theare one
way for they get all the furs of these ignorant
if they do not come down with the furs they
can not have theas Sins pardon. thare is no
Such thing as a School house for they are not
to recive eney education they have not the privilege
to Learne to Read ore write but kept in ineguran
as long as they live. We had the plesure of Learning
One boy to Read the Bible. the Priest distroyed
him ore Sent him a way from the place
We Could not find Out What became of him
the prest forbid us of Lesing eney Others one to
to Read We ask the reson he told me that
if we would make Jokkers of them that is fool
they Wouldd Soon Lingin to undes Stand and Work
get in liten and they may give them much
Trubel Would to God they Would give the

[illegible]. the Russian Goverment haves a way of
[illegible]ng Soldors Without Draffting for them. every
[illegible] child that is Send every way in these
[illegible]ttlements is taking a way from Theas Jasons
the age of 13 years and Sent to Some in lands
[illegible]ilys and thare Serve for life Geography Sais
that the post on this Cost is Several hundred feet
in depth I can not vouch for that. but as One
who has dug to the depth of 6 feet and found
Black frost yet perhaps it is so thare was ~~a~~
one of Our Ship Mates Like Shot him Self
Accidently We dug a Grave for him in this Way
and We found Out that the frost was 6 ft deep
in the Middle of January is the Shortes days thare is
~~a~~ 4 hours betwen the Riseing and Seting of
the Sun this Makes it longs nights I was very
thankful that I Could Sleap so Well I
Could Slash intill I Would Wake up With
Hungor. I all ways Served my Self With a
Lunch be for I turned in to my nest
Laying a Smoked Samman under my head
If I Would have it all redey as Soon as I Was
Up after Moving on this for a Will I could
Sleap Of for a Nathes Good Snuse and in this
Way I put in 6 ~~of~~ six long months. in the Month
of July and August thare is Some Vegtation
the Grass Grow to the high of 8 inch turnips
Grow to the Size of a black Walnet Potate to the
Size of a White Walnut this is all the Vegtable
that I Saw they can get a good deal of hay
to help keep thear Cows throught the Winter
With help of fish Chaddor. as my time
getting Short and you are getting weary I Will
Give You my Advenhre to Okook City a distence of 100 mi

a blazeing up that made Ous harts Chear
up as we was nearly plade Out with fatig
we soon rige up a kinde of a tent and
as soon as posable we had a large kit
of Coffie a boiling after refreshing Ous Selv
we lade down to take a good Sleep for we
had nethes time to eat nore Sleep in three
days thare was 6 Brave hasted Sailars who
volenterd to watch the Fire Wile the rest of the
crew Sleept. wrapping Ous Selves in Our
Blankits we was soon in the Lands of Dreems
after a refreshing Sleep we woke up to Reliz
what we had gone through and what was to
Come On the morning of the 4 havenga grate
desire to get to the house that we had
built we packed up Our traps and Started
for Ous mansion it was 20 miles from
us we a large Mantan. taking as mutch
provision as we Could Carry Ande Leaveing
the rest in Our tent we Commence Our trav
in this Sate thare was five hours between the Risein
and the Seting of the Sun So you See we had
a very Shorte days. by the ade of a Compas
we arived at the house after refreshing
Ous Selves we Comence to get up Some plan
(X X) go to the Settlment that lay on
the Cost it is a Settlement Call Enia
it was 100 miles from this Ous house and a
mountanes Contry to travel Over after re
Ous Selves for ~~Days~~ few Days we Set out for
City of Enia) (I will State here that the
the Freasis Settlment to us) thare was
Harmin beening measer than 120 m
that we lande) on the morning of the

Was all redey fos Ous tramp. the atisphere
was as Cleeas as Crustill, and as Cold as
was Cleeas. We ventured Out to Seek
the Settlement. with 4 Days Gaub a lo
every Man and with Cosage we Comen
Clime those Rugey hills Just as it
geting Dask we hasde a Shout from Som
of Our Ship mates who was a little
advance of us that they See a house a
hands Oncios fos it was geting dask an
with fresh Cosage we Soon was at the
the house was uninhabited it was bilt of
and fill in with Mass & Clay a Comfusti
We setrete fos the travales. thare was Singn
thare had bin Some One ore ethes h
bin thare Lately. With the assistance
the tinder Box We Soon had a Cheer
fire aftes srfreshing Ous Selves with Some
to eat We had a good night Sleep a
than Stastea on Ous Journey a
~~traveled in this way~~) & will Just then
heas that this house was bilt By th
Russian Goverment we had hit on
Sath that leads to all the Setti
the Cost of Siberia. I was inform
the Natives aftes I had arived at
ement these houses are 60 miles fo
all thsaugh that Secion of
) traveling in this way three days as
of Some might We Comence Co
Some of Our Ship th
hands and Some thare
Some with feituge had set th
to die. they had Give up the

of over Seeching the Settlement feeling t
Our Ship Mates it would bring a tear t
Stoutest haste that ever breath to See th
haws fellows Lay down and pray for
troubels to end but thank God thay
Some with had Cosage and Some Sor
thaught of a deas home that thay
to Se Get. while we was thinking
Was to be den with our Ship mates tho
was Some Still in advance on the
a hill Shoting that they See a nathe
with what Joy we recved those tid
With Ous help we got them all Sa
in the house. this proved to be a not
Russian house. after haveing made them a
comfurtful as posable. we thegh tha
most be geting Some ware near the Set
with this prospect in view we left them
Ous Grub and with Our axes we cut w
a rup to last them we thought un till
could reach the Settlement and Send S
of the natives with theas dog teams of t
them. a bought 30c in the Maring all of t
Crew that was able to tramp Stasted
ding Ous Comsads good by and g
them a waste of theas we Stasted on
passey we halted at noon day an
Stasted a Fire we Sat down an rested
as we was a bought a ½ mile from th
last we Calkelated to fetch the tow
that night. after Serting Our Selves
Shorte time we kept Clost to the
knowing that this Settlement lade
the Cost as we had Seen the Se

[illegible] we lost the Ship ~~Leaving~~ leaving
[illegible] on intill dark but we could
[illegible] town get Still hopeing all thou
[illegible] faint and with nothing to eat we
[illegible] on intill Some time in the
[illegible] See Shasks Flighing in the are
Get with a Shout of Joy we soon had
of hearing a nothes Shout it came
a Shote of Dogs they kep up a contin
barling bos a few Mordents and all
Still we had a rived at what we
thought the Settlement it proved to be
all Tonggoos Settlement at the Same
they was human beings thare was
but in this place in a few Monaiths
was all out doors meging us in the
that knowing theas longuge and they
Same with us we was undes the nestie of
ing by Signs in this way we told
a bough Our Ship Mates we so
the pleasure of Seeing 3 Dogs team
of after Our Suffers the Woman
as with a good and Substance
it was Smoked Samman & Saw Lea
Seperating Our Selves with a good Slep
was Delited to See Our Ship Mat
Safely to us. the Settlement th
was looking for was 10 Miles from u
Tongoos taking thare teams and tak
that was not able to walk we Stay
for the City we a rived at Sin
Settlement and had the Files
interdused to the inhapes a
these tribes in all the first a